

Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting October 11th 2005, Banavie Quarry – 6.30pm

Attendees –

Duncan McInnes KCC

Barbara Gillies – Resident

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Terri Sutherland - Resident

Dafydd Jones – Highland Council, Planning Department

Chris Strong – Highland Council, TEC Services

Bob Gordon – Ennstone Thistle Ltd – Director

Colin Morrison – Ennstone Thistle Ltd – Area Production Manager
Councillor Clark

1 Apologies

Tony Whitelocke – Resident

Russell Leaper – Resident

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Any points were to be picked up during meeting.

3 Quarry Up-date

a) Road Improvements – John Mackenzie advised that all the road works to the access road and the B8004 will be completed within the next two weeks, weather depending. It was planned to do the surfacing this weekend 15th Oct on Locheil Crescent and all the residents would be advised of exact timings.

b) Future work load – John advised that this was the main reason for bringing forward the meeting to advise that two contracts were in the offing – Lochaber Health Centre and resurfacing of the dual carriageway section in Fort William. The Health centre project was estimated at approx 40000 tonne of material of which it was anticipated 10-15000 tonne would be required towards the year end. Along with the estimated tonnage of coated material of 4000 tonnes and general trade there would be a busy period between now and the end of the year. Traffic movements anticipated at worse case scenario would be up to 60 loads a day; the biggest difference would be that movements would be spread through out the day, in particular 3 lorries running back and forward to the health centre site. John

advised that these contracts had not as yet been awarded but once in place we would advise Liaison committee of progress and near neighbours on Locheil Crescent would also be advised.

John advised that it would be local drivers being used who were well aware of our code of practice but they would all be re inducted to the code any discrepancies would be dealt with accordingly.

Duncan McInnes asked if this would require increased blasting and was advised that this would not be the case as the material was already stocked in the quarry from previous year's operations.

4 Review of complaints rec'd:

No external complaints had been recorded since our last meeting. ET staff had recorded three codes of practice failures which had been dealt with. 2 early arrivals and one late arrival.

Bob Gordon advised that Mr MacLean had raised concerns with regard to the minutes of the meeting being made available. It was agreed that the residents of Locheil Crescent would receive a copy of the minutes in future along with them being displayed in the Community Notice Board and in the Kilmallie News Letter

5 Comments from the Community

No Comments

6 Comments from Highland Council:

No Comments

6 AOB:

Comments passed on the quarry and how it was being perceived that it was looking more prominent than in previous years. Bob Gordon advised that this may be down to the quarry faces at the back of the quarry, were now in there final position and that the restoration blasting had virtually been completed giving the quarry a more fresher look and made it more noticeable. Once the hydromulching was completed next spring the faces would eventually darken and vegetation would start growing, this would make a further difference to the longer term outlook of the quarry

Date of next meeting: 6th December 2005, Banavie Quarry 7.00pm